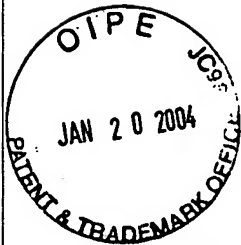


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In reply to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, the period of response has been extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and fee to January 20, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application in view of the following Remarks.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. No claim is allowed.

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